



PATENT
0234-372P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Masatoshi NAKANISHI et al.
Serial No.: 09/409,680 Group: 1752
Filed: September 30, 1999 Examiner: T. Chea
For: PHOTOGRAPHIC SOLID FINE-GRAIN DISPERSION, METHOD
FOR PREPARING THE SAME AND SILVER HALIDE
PHOTOGRAPHIC LIGHT-SENSITIVE MATERIAL

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 21, 2000

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated June 21, 2000, the period for response having been extended three (3) months to December 21, 2000, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending. No amendments have been made by way of the present submission, thus, no new matter has been added.

In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and allow the currently pending claims.

Issues Under 35 U.S.C. § 102/§103

The Examiner has rejected claims 7-12, 17-21, and 24-18 (presumably this should correctly read 24-28) under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Czekai et al., USP 5,500,331 (Czekai '331) or Czekai et al., USP 5,478,705 (Czekai '705). The Examiner